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Session 1: Word List

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

upholstery

n. the materials used to cover and pad furniture, such as sofas, chairs, and cushions; the process of covering furniture or other items, such as car seats, with fabric, leather, or padding to make them more comfortable, functional, or decorative

synonym: cushioning, padding, fabric covering

(1) **upholstery** fabric, (2) **upholstery** cleaning

The **upholstery** on the old sofa was worn and needed to be replaced.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

neurotypical

adj. referring to individuals who display typical neurological development and function without any significant cognitive or behavioral impairments or disorders

(1) **neurotypical** behavior, (2) **neurotypical** children

The therapy was designed to help neurodivergent kids adapt to a **neurotypical** world.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym : differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

eugenic

adj. relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

synonym: improving, genetic engineering, selective breeding

(1) **eugenic** screening, (2) **eugenic** movement

That government had once implemented a series of **eugenic** policies to improve the population's genetic makeup.

euthanasia

n. the act of intentionally ending the life of a person or animal to relieve suffering or pain

synonym: mercy killing, assisted suicide, painless death

(1) passive **euthanasia**, (2) legal **euthanasia**

The decision to carry out **euthanasia** on a terminally ill patient is controversial and emotional.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym : disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

unknowingly

adv. without intention or being aware of what is happening

synonym : inadvertently, unwittingly

(1) **unknowingly** commit a crime, (2) **unknowingly** avoid him

She became ill after **unknowingly** taking rotten food.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

discrepancy

n. a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence

synonym : inconsistency, difference, disparity

(1) significant **discrepancy**, (2) a **discrepancy** in the report

There is a **discrepancy** between the study's findings and the collected data.

camouflage

n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

synonym : guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**
They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

manipulative

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

synonym: maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

(1) **manipulative** behavior, (2) **manipulative** language

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the

chills.

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym: jiggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

herculean

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

synonym: challenging, formidable, strenuous

(1) **herculean** effort, (2) make **herculean** progress

Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a **herculean** task.

ostracize

v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

synonym: exclude, shun, isolate

(1) **ostracize** individual, (2) **ostracize** group

His peers **ostracized** him for his controversial beliefs.

menstruate

v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

synonym: period, menstruation, menarche

(1) **menstruate** regularly, (2) failure to **menstruate**

The teenage girl began to **menstruate** last month.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym : unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

meltdown

n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

synonym : collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**

The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

nonbinary

adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

synonym : pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

unmask

v. to reveal the true identity, nature, or motives of someone or something that has been concealed or hidden; to expose falsehoods and pretenses

synonym : reveal, expose, uncover

(1) **unmask** the thief, (2) **unmask** a lie

The whistleblower was determined to **unmask** the corrupt politician.

Session 2: Spelling

1. neu_____cal children *adj.* referring to individuals who display typical neurological development and function without any significant cognitive or behavioral impairments or disorders
2. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
3. unk_____ly avoid him *adv.* without intention or being aware of what is happening
4. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
5. cr___y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
6. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
7. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
8. st_____ze chemically *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
9. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
10. uph_____ry fabric *n.* the materials used to cover and pad furniture, such as sofas, chairs, and cushions; the process of covering furniture or other items, such as car seats, with fabric, leather, or padding to make them more comfortable, functional, or decorative

ANSWERS: 1. neurotypical, 2. vaccinate, 3. unknowingly, 4. outweigh, 5. creepy, 6. empathy, 7. mimic, 8. sterilize, 9. tempting, 10. upholstery

11. me_____wn disaster *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
12. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
13. os_____ze individual *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
14. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
15. unk_____ly commit a crime *adv.* without intention or being aware of what is happening
16. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
17. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
18. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
19. no_____ry identities *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
20. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 11. meltdown, 12. memorize, 13. ostracize, 14. predator, 15. unknowingly, 16. outweigh, 17. psychopath, 18. insecure, 19. nonbinary, 20. predator

21. man_____ive behavior *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
22. cam_____ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
23. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
24. eu_____c movement *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring
25. work as cam_____ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
26. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
27. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
28. feel cr___y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

ANSWERS: 21. manipulative, 22. camouflage, 23. mimic, 24. eugenic, 25. camouflage, 26. empathy, 27. contagious, 28. creepy

29. open-air aud_____um *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
30. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
31. neu_____cal behavior *adj.* referring to individuals who display typical neurological development and function without any significant cognitive or behavioral impairments or disorders
32. he_____an effort *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
33. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
34. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
35. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
36. follow a di_____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
37. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
38. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 29. auditorium, 30. trait, 31. neurotypical, 32. herculean, 33. opportune, 34. psychopath, 35. auditorium, 36. divergent, 37. insecure, 38. obsess

39. eu____c screening *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring
40. wildly di_____nt results *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
41. a dis_____cy in the report *n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
42. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
44. economic me_____wn *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
45. ju___e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
46. un___k a lie *v.* to reveal the true identity, nature, or motives of someone or something that has been concealed or hidden; to expose falsehoods and pretenses

ANSWERS: 39. eugenic, 40. divergent, 41. discrepancy, 42. opportune, 43. unbearable, 44. meltdown, 45. juggle, 46. unmask

47. passive eut_____ia *n.* the act of intentionally ending the life of a person or animal to relieve suffering or pain
48. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
49. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
50. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
51. failure to men_____te *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
52. st_____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
53. significant dis_____cy *n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
54. no_____ry gender *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
55. men_____te regularly *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

ANSWERS: 47. euthanasia, 48. insignificant, 49. vaccinate, 50. unbearable, 51. menstruate, 52. sterilize, 53. discrepancy, 54. nonbinary, 55. menstruate

56. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
57. os_____ze group *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
58. un___k the thief *v.* to reveal the true identity, nature, or motives of someone or something that has been concealed or hidden; to expose falsehoods and pretenses
59. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
60. ju___e with facts *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
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64. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
65. uph_____ry cleaning *n.* the materials used to cover and pad furniture, such as sofas, chairs, and cushions; the process of covering furniture or other items, such as car seats, with fabric, leather, or padding to make them more comfortable, functional, or decorative

ANSWERS: 56. memorize, 57. ostracize, 58. unmask, 59. trait, 60. juggle, 61. euthanasia, 62. obsess, 63. tempting, 64. contagious, 65. upholstery

66. an ins_____ant mistake

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

67. make he_____an progress

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

68. man_____ive language

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

ANSWERS: 66. insignificant, 67. herculean, 68. manipulative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
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adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
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n. a particular feature of your nature
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7. The prime minister had to reconcile _____ opinions on controversial issues like abortion.
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ANSWERS: 1. auditorium, 2. opportune, 3. obsessed, 4. insecure, 5. traits, 6. juggle, 7. divergent, 8. euthanasia

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- v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
10. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
11. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for _____ people.
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12. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
- v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
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16. The teenage girl began to _____ last month.
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ANSWERS: 9. outweigh, 10. mimic, 11. nonbinary, 12. vaccinated, 13. unmask, 14. unbearable, 15. ostracized, 16. menstruate

17. He made me feel small and _____.

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ANSWERS: 17. insignificant, 18. manipulative, 19. camouflage, 20. creepy, 21. sterilized, 22. predator's, 23. neurotypical

24. That government had once implemented a series of _____ policies to improve the population's genetic makeup.

adj. relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

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